1. (Currently Amended) ~~In a~~ A method of ~~trapping~~ controlling ~~hardshell~~ insects, wherein at least a part of an insect to ~~be trapped~~ controlled is exposed to ~~a~~ an insect-adhering particulate composition, comprising:

including in the ~~particles containing~~ particulate composition at least one ~~electromagnetically sensitive~~ pesticide or insect behaviour modifying chemical and at least one magnetized magnetic material~~,~~;

and locating the composition proximate a path of ~~such that~~ the insect ~~slips into or onto a trap proximate the composition, an improvement comprising including in the electromagnetically sensitive material at least one magnetic material~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~particles have~~ particulate composition has an average particle size diameter in the range of from 2 to 100 μm.

3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1 or 2 wherein the magnetized magnetic material includes a ferromagnetic oxide.

4. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles adhere by a magnetic force to a surface.

5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein the composition comprises at least 10% by weight of hard magnetic material.

6. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the magnetized magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

7. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the insect includes a cockroach. ~~and the part of the insect includes a foot.~~

8. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are composite particles which comprise a core of an inert substrate which is impregnated with and/or coated with the magnetic material.

9. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the core comprises silicon dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer.

10. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claims 8 or 9 wherein the inert substrate has a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical impregnated thereon or associated therewith.

11. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

12. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

13. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the behavior modifying chemical is a pheromone.

14. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles.

15. (Cancelled) In a cockroach affecting composition in particulate form which includes electromagnetically sensitive particles having an effect upon contact with a cockroach foot such that the cockroach slips, an improvement comprising including in the particles a magnetic material.

16. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the magnetic material is at least 10% by weight.

17. (Cancelled) A pesticidal composition in particulate form which comprises particles containing or consisting of a magnetic material in admixture with a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical or particles of a magnetic material coated with a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.

18. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

19. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

20. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the behavior modifying chemical is a pheromone.

21. (Cancelled) A composition as claimed in claim 15 or 16 wherein the magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

22. (Cancelled) A composition as claimed in claims 15 or 16 wherein the magnetic material includes a ferromagnetic oxide.

23. (Previously Presented) In an insect trap which comprises a housing, a zone of the housing or a zone within the housing having a composition comprising electromagnetically sensitive particles, the improvement comprising including in the composition a magnetic material.

24. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the housing includes a magnetically polarizable material.

25. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 24 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarizable material comprises a removable insert placed within the housing.

26. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claims 23 or 24 wherein the zone has a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.

27. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material includes a hard ferromagnetic oxide.

28. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

29. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 28 wherein the magnetic material includes at least 10% by weight of strontium ferrite.

30. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 structured to trap cockroaches.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the composition comprises approximately 10% by weight of strontium ferrite and approximately 90% by weight of a ferrosilicate.

32. (New) An insect-controlling composition in particulate form, comprising:

an effective insect-adhering amount of a magnetized magnetic material, combined with at least one of a pesticide and an insect behaviour modifying chemical.

33. (New) The composition of claim 32 wherein the magnetized magnetic material includes a hard magnetic material

34. (New) The composition of claim 33 wherein the magnetized magnetic material includes a soft magnetic material.

35. (New) The composition of claim 32 including a surface and wherein the magnetized magnetic material adheres to the surface by a magnetic force.

36. (New) The composition of claim 32 including a trap, and wherein the magnetized magnetic material is situated proximate the trap.

37. (New) The composition of claim 32 including a building, drain or sewer, and wherein the composition is located upon a surface within the said building, drain or sewer.

38. (New) The composition of claims 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37 wherein the particles have an average particle size diameter in a range of from 2 to 100 μm.

39. (New) The composition of claims 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37 wherein the magnetic material includes a ferrite.

40. (New) The composition of claim 33 wherein the magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

41. (New) The composition of claim 34 wherein the soft magnetic material includes ferrosilicate.

42. (New) The composition of claim 34 wherein the ratio of hard material to soft material is less than 1 to 2, by weight.

43. (New) The composition of claim 34 wherein the ratio of hard material to soft material is approximately 1 to 9, by weight.